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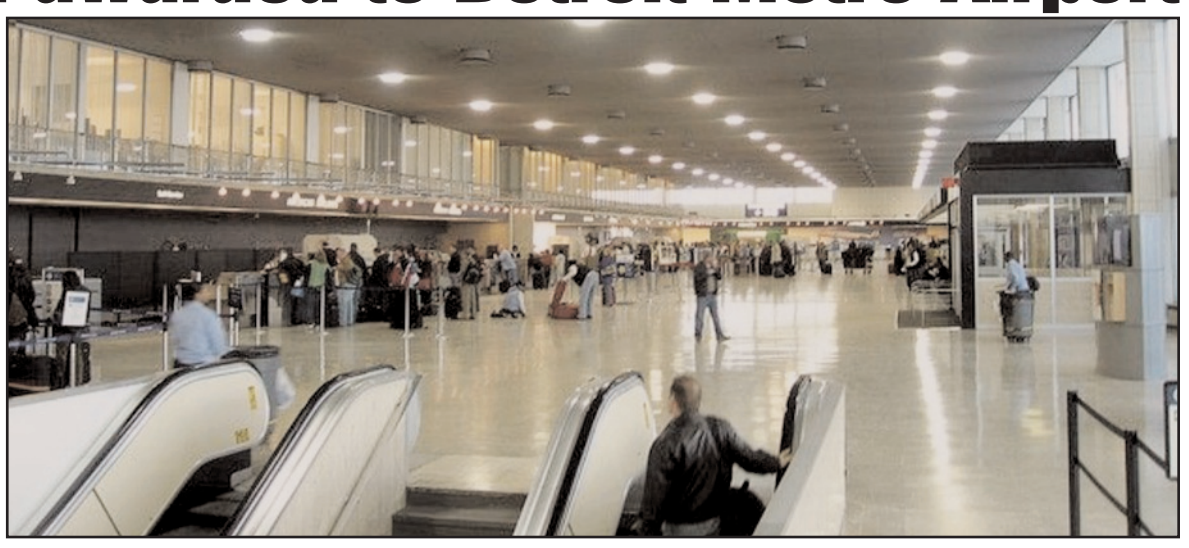
$27 million awarded to Detroit Metro Airport



Detroit Metro Airport, located in Romulus, will receive $27,639,316 in federal funding to pay for infrastructure improvements.

U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters said that the U.S. Department of Transportation will be awarding the funding, along with $116,859 to Willow Run Airport, to be used toward costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, and combating the spread of pathogens at the airports.

"These investments will make air travel safer and more reliable," said Stabenow. "It will help our communities rebound from the pandemic and encourage businesses to invest in the region and create jobs."

"Now more than ever, it is critical that families and small businesses across southeast Michigan have access to important destinations and marketplaces through safe, reliable air travel," said Peters, a member of the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee.

"I was proud to help enact this funding to help Wayne County Airport and Willow Run Airport overcome COVID-related revenue shortfalls, retain staff and better protect traveler health and safety."

No dates for the funding or specific projects at the airport were announced in the prepared statement from the federal officials.

Oh, 'Deer'
Fishermen rescue doe stranded in freezing river

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township resident Mike Kafila and his longtime friend and fishing buddy Steve Rauser experienced a real spiritual uplifting Easter weekend.

While Walleye fishing in the Detroit River they encountered what they at first thought was a log. As Kafila motored their boat closer it became apparent that the "log with two eyes" was a yearling doe struggling for her life in the frigid 39-degree waters off Horse Island.

Horse Island is a small peninsular island in the downriver area of the Detroit River, south of Gibraltar, a mile west of the southern tip of Grosse Ile.

After starting their day at sun-up, Kalila and Rauser, who love to fish for Walleye at what they claim is one of the best spots for miles around, had finished lunch and were ready to turn back in their 17-foot rig at about noon when they spotted the deer.

"Oh my God- It's a deer." Kafila yelled to Rauser.

"She was being pulled downriver by the wind and current toward Lake Erie in a rough 3–foot chop," he said."

Kafila, at the controls, said the doe was near death and went under the water two or three times before they could manipulate the boat to get her along side when she surfaced.

Holding the deer close to the boat while keeping her head above water they motored slowly to the nearest shore, a distance of about a mile.

"There was nothing to tie up to. When we got to shore there was just a seawall," Kafila said.

Two bystanders were crossing the bridge near the seawall about the time the Kafila and Rauser were close by and were able to lend a hand in bringing the limp animal to the shore where she laid still for more than 30 minutes before she finally staggered to her feet and went on her way.

This is one fishing trip the two fishermen of 25 years will never forget, they said.

Plymouth Township resident Mike Kafila with the doe he and Steve Rauser saved from drowning.

Canton man pleads guilty to child sexual abuse charges

Shailesh Patel

The Canton Township man facing both federal and state charges of sexual abuse of minors entered a guilty plea in U.S. District Court last week. He has previously entered a guilty plea in Wayne County Circuit Court to charges of sexual abuse of minors.

Shailesh Patel, 53, is accused of abusing children from the ages of 5 through 12, who were known to him, according to court pleadings, from the temple they all attended. Two female victims, now both in their 20s, described the abuse during interviews with agents of the FBI and local police during the investigation of the allegations.

Patel owned a Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin Robbins franchise and would drive children from the temple to the businesses to buy them treats. One victim alleges that Patel abused her sexually on one of the trips while another recounted abuse during a dinner party at Patel's home. He is also accused of encouraging one victim to use his cell phone to record herself touching her genitals, according to investigators.

One victim said the abuse continued with inappropriate sexual touching of her breasts and backside while at the temple.

Investigators discovered videos of a nude girl on Patel's computer while executing a search warrant at his home last October. One victim identified the girl as herself.

"The sexual assault of children and the production of child pornography are heinous crimes and those who prey upon our children and commit these acts of violence will be vigorously prosecuted and brought to justice," said Acting U.S. Attorney Saima Mohsin in a statement.

Patel is scheduled to be sentenced on the federal charges July 9 and the state charges May 28. He is facing 15-35 years in prison for first-degree criminal sexual conduct, 9-15 years

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The historic B-25 Bomber at Yankee Air Museum will officially be christened Rosie's Reply and the new name painted on the nose of the refurbished World War II plane.

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The Canton Farmers Market will return with a special off-season market at the Summit on the Park community recreation center this Sunday.

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THE INKSTER LEDGER STAR
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State Rep. Jewell Jones has been released from the Livingston County Jail following his arrest last week following a traffic accident.

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THE NORTHVILLE EAGLE
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State Rep. Matt Koleszar, vice-chair of the House Elections and Ethics Committee, visited the office of Northville Township Clerk Roger Lundberg last week to discuss the election process.

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THE PLYMOUTH EAGLE
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All three floors of the Plymouth District Library are now open for browsing, including the youth floor, and health precautions are still required.

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THE ROMULUS ROMAN
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City of Romulus officials are among the few who have found a silver lining amidst the current health concerns of the COVID-19 health restrictions.

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THE WAYNE EAGLE
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Those looking for a career in law enforcement have an opportunity with the City of Wayne where new police officers are being sought.

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Westland Mayor William R. Wild presented a $70 million balanced budget proposal for fiscal year 2021-22 to members of the city council last week for approval.

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Westland

Mayor submits $70 million balanced budget to council

Westland Mayor William R. Wild presented a $70 million balanced budget proposal for fiscal year 2021-22 to members of the city council last week for approval.

The proposed budget adds approximately $157,000 to the General Fund unassigned balance, preserving a "rainy day" fund balance at approximately $6.6 million.

Highlights of proposed budget include an overall taxable value increase of 3.30 percent; a provision to continue the city match for 13 federally-funded SAFER grant firefighters; an addition of a full-time Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) director as well as funding to research converting the vacant Marshall Middle School into a community recreation center. Funds are also allocated to create the first dog park and Pickle Ball courts in the city.

The budget includes an additional payment of $500,000 above costs, to lower the unfunded retiree healthcare (OPEB) liability. An additional $150,000 has also been allocated to offer cash incentives to retirees to discontinue the city healthcare coverage, which will reduce the costs long-term, Wild explained.

The budget allocates planned infrastructure expenditures of $4.2 million for the major and local roads throughout the city in 26 neighborhoods which includes 70 major and local roads. The budget also includes approximately $4.37 million to fund planned water and sewer capital projects in six neighborhoods and 37 roads throughout the 611 miles of water and sewer systems in Westland. Provisions were also made for an additional $1.2 million in capital improvements, including a new fire rescue vehicle; three new police patrol cars; a new electric community police vehicle; various DPS vehicles including a new sewer vactor truck; technology upgrades; bike lanes and sidewalk repairs.

Study sessions regarding the proposed budget will take place virtually on Saturday, April 24 and Saturday, May 1 although times are subject to change. Information on how the public can attend these virtual meetings along with the 2021-22 budget proposal are available at www.cityofwestland.com

"The city's finance team has worked very hard on this year's budget proposal," commented Wild. "This proposed conservative budget allows for continued improvements to the city's neighborhood infrastructure, supports public safety and makes significant progress towards lowering unfunded pension and retiree healthcare obligation and honoring the city's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion."

Doggone it

City K-9 officers don donated vests

Westland Ofc. Odin

Westland Ofc. Rio

Two Westland police officers will be a lot safer following the donation of customized body armor, designed to protect them in emergency situations.

Canine officers Odin and Rio of the Westland Police Department K9 unit will receive bullet and stab protective vests funded by a donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.

The vests for the German shepherd officers are being funded by Sharon Peters of Grosse Pointe Shores, and will be embroidered with the sentiment "In memory of Det. Lt. Richard J. Scott." Delivery of the safety equipment is expected within 6 to 8 weeks, officials said.

Both Westland canine officers have been in service since last year. Rio works with Ofc. Derik Trosper and Odin is partnered with Ofc. Andrew Teschendorf. Both the dogs are fully trained, multi-purpose German shepherds and are certified through the National Association of Professional Canine Handlers (NAPCH) and K-9 ATF. They are trained in: area searches; building searches; evidence searches; handler protection; narcotic detection; obedience and tracking.

Prior to certification with NAPCH and K-9 ATF, the dogs are required to complete a four-month training academy with their human partners and the teams are required to pass an extensive certification course.

The canine teams continue to train weekly including life-like scenarios that officers may come across while on patrol, according to the Westland Police Department.

Purchase of the dogs and their training was approved by members of the Westland City Council last year at a cost not to exceed $25,200.

Birthday wishes

Also celebrating in Westland last week was Bella the certified fire dog who marked her fifth birthday with a canine-pleasing cake. Bella's handler, Capt. Jeff Stobbe, was on hand to help the Labrador Retriever mark the occasion.

Bella, who came to Westland fully trained from Texas, is a certified arson detection canine and the first arson dog in Western Wayne County. For more than three years, she and Stobbe have helped area fire investigators locate trace evidence that reduces the time and duration of fire investigations and minimizes the potential for oversights.

Bella received multiple good wishes on the Facebook post celebrating her special day.

City wide clean-up is now under way

A joint effort of the Westland Public Service and Neighborhood Services Department has been launched with Operation: Clean Sweep program to address the trash which has accumulated in the city during the winter months.

Mayor William R. Wild said the city would be divided into five sections and employees from both departments will pick up trash along the major and local roads, city parks and any vacant commercial properties.

"As a result of the suspension of the 18th District Court Work Program due to Covid-19, and recent high winds, my office has received a high volume of complaints," Wild said. "With unseasonable mild weather, our DPS and Neighborhood Service professionals have some extra capacity before normal spring maintenance begins." After the initial trash collection phase, the city will follow up with the first street sweeping of the season, he added.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 22, 2021
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174
THIS MEETING WAS HELD ELECTRONICALLY
VIA ZOOM MEETING TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Councilperson Wadsworth
Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused:
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Leroy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Kevin Krause - Director of Fire and Emergency Services; Gary Harris - Purchasing Director; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Robert McCraight - Director of Public Services & Economic Development; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications; Merrie Druyor - TIFA/DDA Director

1. **Agenda**
   A. Moved by **Tina Talley,** seconded by **Kathy** Abdo to accept the amended agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   A. **Res. #21-074** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   B. **Res. #21-075** Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the minutes from the special meeting(s) held on Monday March 8, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. to discuss charter amendment(s) and electronic council meetings. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   A. **Res. #21-076** Moved by **Tina Talley,** seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution in recognition of Lt. Tim Rhoton of the Romulus Fire Department. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor**
   A. **Res. #21-077** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the Romulus Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Romulus Downtown Development Authority to submit an application for the DNR Recreation Passport Grant for enhancements at MaryAnn Banks Park on behalf of the City of Romulus. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   B. **Res. #21-078** Moved by **Tina Talley,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo t**o concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Inter-Governmental Agreement with Wayne County to update the Men's and Women's Restrooms at Elmer Johnson's Park located at 9755 Ozga Road. The City's local share will be $10,571.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   C. **Res. #21-079** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **William Wadsworth t**o concur with the administration and waive the bidding for the relocation costs of the 34th District Court and authorize Premier-Relocation LLC to handle the moving and relocation of the 34th District Court at a cost of $15,964.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   D. **Res. #21-080** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by Kathy Abdo to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 20/21-11 to the lowest bidder, Verdeterre Contracting, Inc., to replace the existing 8" water main with 12" water main for approximately 0.9 of a mile of Barth Road between Hannan and Huron River Drive and for the replacement of the westbound lane asphalt and for the pulverization and restoration of the asphalt of the east lane of the road in the amount of $1,691,143.85. An additional $169,114.38 contingency is being requested to cover unforeseen construction-related changes. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   E. **Res. #21-081** Moved by **Eva Webb,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on Novi Bid ITB 20-15 to contract Highway Maintenance & Construction to perform necessary repairs to the Romulus DPW parking lot using the chip seal method at a cost of $47,042.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   F. **Res. #21-082** Moved by **Tina Talley,** seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on Florida Sherriff's Association Contract FSA20-VEF14.01 with Excellence Inc., for the purchase of a 201 Ford E-450 Ambulance Demo for ta total costs of $206,902.33. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   G. **Res. #21-083** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 20/21-16 to transfer funds from the Major Roads Fund to the Local Streets Fund to work on a patching program in Meadows Subdivision for Spring 2021.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
LOCAL STREETS				
Expense			$ 75,000.00	$75,000.00
203-463-818.000	Local Roads Project Costs	$-		
Revenues				
205-000-393-336	Transfer In-Major Streets	$-	$ 75,000.00	$75,000.00
MAJOR ROADS				
Expenditures				
202-463-873.00	Major Rds. Contractual Svcs	$200,000.00	$(75,000.00)	$125,000.00
Expenditures				
202-966-999.203	Transfer Out - Local Streets	$-	$75,000.00	$75,000.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

   H. **Res. #21-084** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 20/21-17 to recognize revenue received for the Play Everywhere Challenge Grant - Kaboom! and the anticipated expenditure related to implementing the project plan.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Recreation			$ 70,000.00	$ 70,000.00
Revenue				
101-751-588.000 Kaboom	Play Everywhere Challenge Grant - Kaboom	$-		
Expense		**$-**	$3,200.00	$3,200.00
101-751-730.00-Kaboom	Operating Supplies		$3,000.00	$3,000.00
101-751-937.000-Kaboom	Park Maintenance		$63,800.00	$63,800.00
101-751-970.000-Kaboom	Capital Outlay			

Motion Carried Unanimously

   I. **Res. #21-085** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Tina Talley t**o concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 20/21-18 to move funds from Reserve Park renovation to Wayne County Allocation (Elmer Johnson's restrooms) for the anticipated expenditures related to implementing the project plan.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Recreation				
Revenue			$10,571.00	$ 10,571.00
101-000-393.751	Reserve for Park Renovations	$-		
Expense				
101-751-970.751	Capital Outlay - Rec Grant (Local)	$14,440.00	$10,571.000	$25,011.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

   J. **Res. #21-086** Moved by **Tina Talley,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Romulus and SCI Novi mParks/Safari Club International (SCI) Archery Equipment Grant. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   A. **Res. #21-087** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Honorary Street Sign Dedication Policy with an open application period to start on the first Monday in April 2021 and close by 4 pm on the first Monday of May 2021with the first five (5) applications vetted to be approved. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   B. **Res. #21-088** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by Tina Talley to adopt a resolution to approve the ballot language to be placed on the ballot for August 3, 2021 Special (Primary) Election. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   C. **Res. #21-089** Moved by **Eva Webb,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-15 for the purchase of an EMS rescue vehicle in the amount of $206,902.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   D. **Res. #21-090** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve Mayor Burcroff's request for a Special Meeting on March 29, 2021, @ 6:30 p.m. to consider a motion to declare State of Emergency. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer - Nothing to report**
8. **Public Comment -** See Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes.
9. **Unfinished Business -** See Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes.
10. **New Business**
    Res. #21-091 Moved by **Virginia Williams,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Virginia Jean Johnson. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
11. **Warrant**
    A. **Res. #21-092** Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 21-6 Checks presented in the amount of $1,582,929.01. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
12. **Communication - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes.**
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 22, 2021.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CANTON - NORTHVILLE

Canton Indoor Farmers' Market set for Sunday

The Canton Farmers Market will return with a special off-season market at the Summit on the Park community recreation center this Sunday.

COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place at the market which will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 18, in the banquet center.

A variety of local food growers and producers have signed on to participate in the market including: Pick Michigan - featuring produce, eggs, and tortillas; Kapnick Orchards - featuring apples, apple cider, and baked goods; Simply Gourmet Fresh - featuring salsa, chips, and gourmet butter; The Cheese People of Grand Rapids - featuring cheese; Boblin Honey- featuring honey; Spicegrrrl LLC - featuring spices; The Pasta Shop Plymouth - featuring pasta and sauce; Kapolnek Farms LLC - featuring USDA Certified Beef; One Tough Cookie - featuring designed sugar cookies; Sign Woodworks - featuring unique signs and crafts; Vera's Kuntry Bakery - featuring pies, cookies, candy and more and Olde Crow Primitives - featuring seasonal crafts, signs, and candles.

> *"Now more than ever we are glad that we're able to help support our local farmers and crafters.*

"We're always excited to bring back our off-season markets to the Summit on the Park," said Canton Farmers Market Supervisor Jennifer Franz. "Now more than ever we are glad that we're able to help support our local farmers and crafters who provide access to healthy food sources and unique items."

All market-goers, vendors, and staff will be required to properly wear face masks, covering both mouth and nose, as well as abide by social distancing requirements. Bridge Card and Double Up Food Bucks transactions will also be accepted. Tokens may be purchased at the Canton Leisure Services table. Market-goers are encouraged to enter through the banquet doors.

The new season of the outdoor Canton Farmers Market will reopen from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sunday, May 9, and will be open every Sunday through Oct. 11 in Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road, Canton.

For additional Canton Farmers Market information, visit www.canton-mi.org/496, contact the Farmers Market Coordinator at cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5375.

Special guest

State Rep. Matt Koleszar, vice-chair of the House Elections and Ethics Committee, right, visited the office of Northville Township Clerk Roger Lundberg last week to discuss the election process with Lundberg and Deputy Clerk Katie Anderson. He observed the absentee ballot process and learned about some of the challenges that prior election law changes presented. Koleszar summarized current proposed election law changes and Anderson and Lundberg reviewed their priorities for the proposed election law changes.

Teen B.L.O.C.K. program receives $5,000 donation

The Transpire Nights program at the B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center in Canton recently received a $5,000 donation from the Masco Corp.

Transpire Nights, which takes place monthly at the center, provides support, education, and advocacy for area LBGTQ+ and ally students, and provide them with a place to engage in discussions, plan activities, and build community with their peers. Funds donated by Masco will be used to provide certified therapists as discussion leaders for upcoming sessions.

"We are so grateful to receive this support for our Transpire program," said Recreation Specialist Laura Mortier. "This contribution has the potential to have a major impact on numerous LBGTQ+ and ally students, and on behalf of all our staff I want to thank Masco for its generous support."

Masco Corp. is a global leader in the design, manufacture, and distribution of branded home improvement and building products. The corporation comprises more than 20 companies and operates nearly 60 manufacturing facilities in the United States and more than 20 in other parts of the world.

Developed in 2020 by The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center in cooperation with PFLAG (Parents, Friends, Family) and Allies United with LGBTQ individuals, the Transpire Nights program focuses on a variety of topics by fostering conversations and dialogue that support inclusion and encourage respect for all.

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center, located on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road in Canton, provides a teen-friendly environment where students from ages 11-17 can participant in supervised afterschool programs, social events, and activities. For more information about Transpire Nights program or The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 398-5570.

Main Street

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for second-degree criminal sexual conduct and probation for the fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct charge.

"The women in this case were sexually assaulted for years by Shailesh Patel," said Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy. "They were children when the abuse began, and they were courageous to come forward as adults to report this behavior to the authorities. For their sake we are pleased that we were able to reach a global resolution with our state case and the federal case."

Reappointment is announced

Canton Township Director of Police Services Chadwick Baugh has been reappointed to the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

Baugh's reappointment is for a term expiring March 1, 2023. He will represent the interests of law enforcement and his nomination was submitted by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 6, 2021 for the following:

2021 MAJOR ROADWAYS REHABILITATION - ASPHALT

Bids may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, May 3, 2021** by electronic remote access on the following proposed Special Land Use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

SHANNON FRANKE GROUP CHILDCARE HOME SPECIAL LAND USE - Consider request for Special Land Use approval for a Group Childcare Home as required in Section 11.02(B) and Section 6.02(E) for parcel no. 038 07 0039 000 (7138 Fox Woods Dr.). Property is located north of Hanford Road and east of Canton Center Road (Fox Meadow).

To mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Canton Township residents; the Canton Township Planning Commission will conduct its meeting on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. by video teleconference in accordance with Michigan law.

Public comments may be submitted to patrick.sloan@canton-mi.org at any time prior to the meeting. Additionally, written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Township Administration Building at 1150 S Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188 by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2021. The Secretary or staff will read comments submitted within the Rules of the Planning Commission during the meeting. Members of the public who attend by telephone or video may address the Planning Commission during the public hearing period via videoconference.

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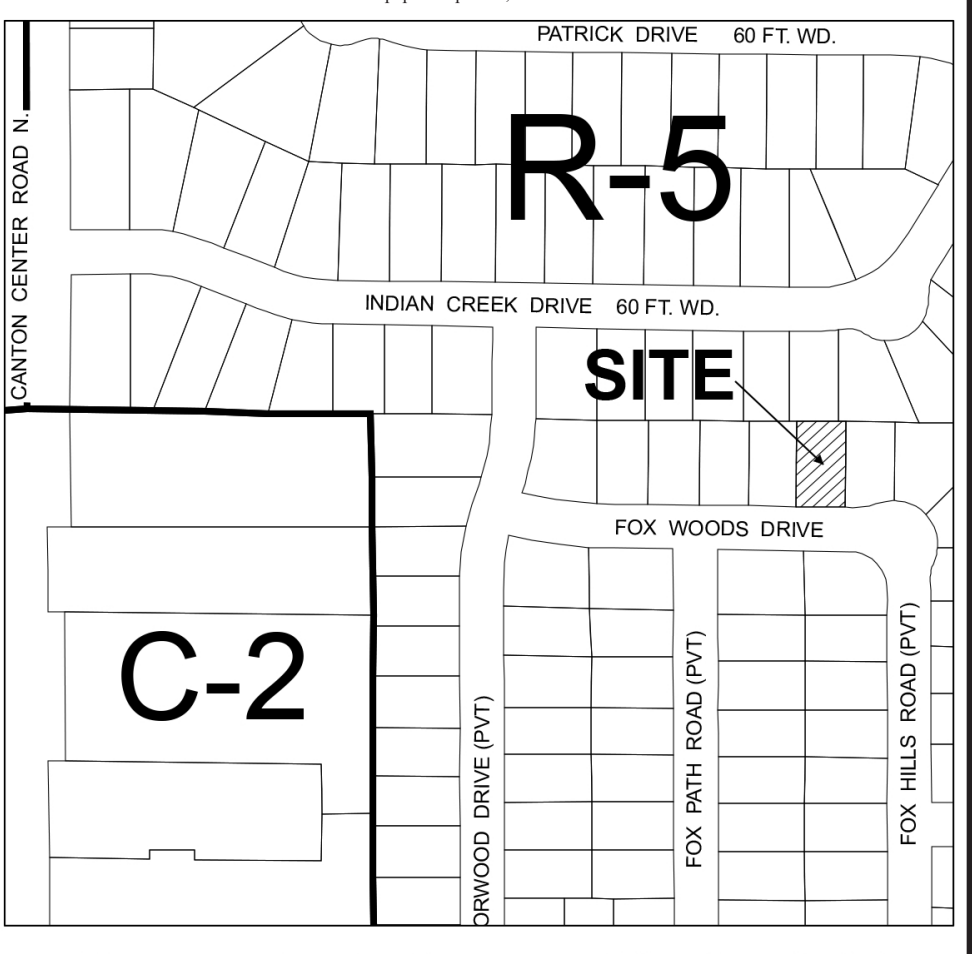

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Inkster - Sumpter

Area legislator arrested following vehicle crash

State Rep. Jewell Jones has been released from the Livingston County Jail following his arrest last week following a traffic accident.

He was arrested by Michigan State Police last Tuesday, April 6, and released on Wednesday afternoon, officials said, "pending further investigation" while lab tests are completed, they said.

Jones represents the 11th District which includes Garden City and Inkster, and portions of Dearborn Heights, Livonia and Westland.

According to Michigan State Police, a 25-year-old Inkster man was arrested following a crash on I-96 late Tuesday night in Livingston County. While state police did not identify Jones, a video recording of a Chevrolet Tahoe driving on the shoulder of I-96 and then erratically swerving while traveling at about 50 to 55 mph was submitted by a witness to police. The witness told officers that the vehicle, a black SUV with a plate reading "elected" nearly hit a bridge before an exit. The description matches a vehicle registered to Jones, officials said.

> *Given this is an active investigation, we will not be offering further comment until we get additional facts.*

Jones arraignment on any charges is pending the results of lab tests.

Republican Speaker of the House Jason Wentworth issued a statement noting, "What I've heard so far is incredibly disappointing. Elected officials and community leaders have the people's trust and must be held to a higher standard. We will continue to assess the situation as the legal process plays out and more facts come to light."

The Livingston County Prosecutor's Office confirmed an ongoing review of a file related to Jones.

"The matter is under investigation and it would not be appropriate to provide any further comment," the office said in a prepared statement.

House Minority Leader Donna Lasinski, D-Scio Township, said her office was still gathering information about what happened late Wednesday afternoon.

"Given this is an active investigation, we will not be offering further comment until we get additional facts," she said.

Jewell Jones

Sumpter Township board OKs $55,000 ADP contract

Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees agreed to enter into a contract for Human Resources and Payroll Services through ADP during their regular meeting earlier this month.

The $55,000 annual services contract is expected to save the township about $68,000 annually, according to estimates from officials. In addition to the $55,000 fee, the township will pay a one-time implementation fee to Foster Thomas, a contractor used by ADP to help install and set up the computerized system.

Matt Novak, a representative from ADP described the new system to the members of the board, noting that the computerized records will maintain all the data needed to manage payroll for hourly and salaried employees and help managers control the workflow with scheduling.

"The system," he said, "is completely customizable to maximize efficiency." He said personnel records would now be on a cloud-based system rather than a paper-based one. He added that the new system would protect township records far more efficiently while providing greater access to them at three levels. The system is designed for payroll management and will be able to provide information on multiple platforms, he noted, including employee insurance regulations and provisions of the Affordable Care Act which may change.

> *As an example, we, as a board, have to know the costs in the fire department where we have volunteers.*

"The system is well-attuned to life cycle events," he said. "It will also help with employee development and help support the success of employees."

He added that the system provides immediate and accurate tax information.

"The system will allow employees, supervisors and others to have access to only their allowed field," he said, stressing the security of the system and the efficiency of allowing employees to check their work schedules and managers to know the exact hours employees worked.

Those hours will be recorded by a state of the art computerized time clock that can be seen in the system, he said, which will include security features such as a bar code or a thumbprint scanner and in some cases, a touch screen.

He added that employees would now have access to immediate support from 8 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. daily to "my life" advisors to help plan for life events such as changes in status or planned or emergency time off.

"This is a partnership," he stressed. He added that the ADP system can communicate with other systems used by vendors and taxing authorities, making required or necessary transfer of records much simpler.

Trustee Matt Oddy inquired as to the record-keeping by department of the system.

"As an example, we, as a board, have to know the costs in the fire department where we have volunteers," he said. Novak said the system can interact with the software already being used by the fire chief to calculate those hours and that those records can be exported to the ADP system.

"Or, it can be done manually, it can be developed and customized any way the township wants," Novak said.

The system will require a part-time township employee to ensure that data is entered into the ASP system correctly and in a timely manner, Novak said.

Township Financial Director Michelle Cole said she expected this part time employee would would work about two days a week, "depending on the ebb and flow of HR issues," she said. The cost for the part-time employee coordinator for the system was estimated at about $24,000.

Township attorney Rob Young said he would like to ensure there is a hold-harmless clause in the contract that would mutually indemnify ADP and the township, each being responsible for any liability for their own actions.

"We should stand on our own two feet and be responsible for anything we do that might result in a lawsuit and ADP should be responsible for anything they do. They need to hold us harmless," Young said.

Pending a final review by Young, the board members unanimously agreed to move forward with the new system.

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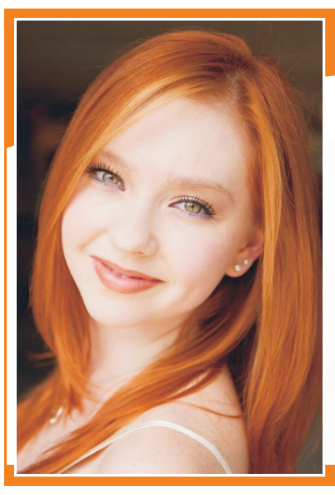
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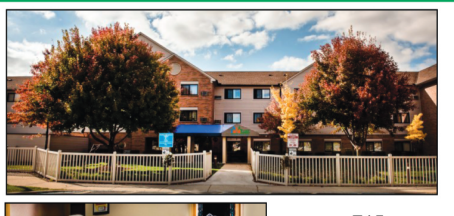
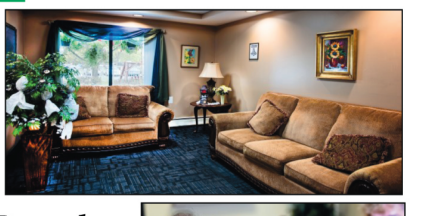

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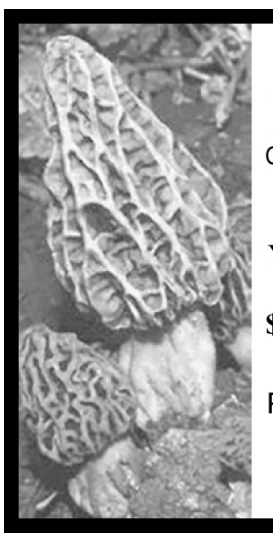
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ROMULUS - WAYNE

City of Wayne seeking police force applicants

Those looking for a career in law enforcement have an opportunity with the City of Wayne where applications to join the police department are now being accepted.

The department has posted a job opening and distributed flyers seeking candidates to join the 21 sworn officers, 10 police service aides and six support staff department.

"Our police department has earned a reputation of excellence among the law enforcement community and the respect of the city we serve. All of our officers are highly trained professionals that are committed to the core values of integrity, fairness, respect, honesty, courage and compassion," said Chief Ryan Strong on the official Wayne Police Department web page.

Applicants must conform to employment standards as set by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) and must possess good moral character as determined by a favorable background investigation covering school and employment records, home environment, personal traits and integrity, officials said.

To apply, individuals can submit an application for employment available at Wayne City Hall. The application can be emailed, faxed or delivered to the police department.

> *"Our police department has earned a reputation of excellence among the law enforcement community and the respect of the city we serve."*

Candidates will also have to successfully complete the Empco written examination and attend an oral interview with a board of officers. A score of 70 percent or higher is required on the interview, officials said. Individuals will also be the subject of a background investigation and a personal interview with Strong.

Candidates will then be required to successfully complete a psychological and physical examination, before being hired.

The written test is available at www.wmpco.net. Individuals are urged to double and triple check any information submitted as part of the test profile.

The staring salary in the Wayne department is currently $43,046.64 and the top salary is $69,298.32 with 10 paid holidays.

The Wayne department also provides medical and dental insurance and optical reimbursement with a defined benefit retirement plan. Full benefits are offered after 25 years of service and officers accrue vacation and sick time during the first year for used after completion of probation.

The department also offers a $1,000 clothing voucher and $825 proficiency pay for weapon certification. There is an on site gym and locker room for officers at the police station and an on-site indoor gun range.

For more information, candidates are urged to contact the city personnel director at (734) 722-2206.

Wise move

Romulus will save $16,000 in cost to move court equipment

City of Romulus officials are among the few who have found a silver lining amidst the current health concerns of the COVID-19 health restrictions.

That silver lining is going to save the city about $16,000 in costs to relocate the 34th District Court equipment from the former building into the new courthouse, located in the city hall and library complex.

During a recent Zoom meeting, Mayor LeRoy Burcroff asked members of the council to approve the waiving of the bidding process and award a contract in the amount of $15,964 for the moving of furniture, files and other items from one court building to the other. He said the recommendation for using Premier Relocation Services came from Director of Economic Development and Public Service Bob McCraight and that the funding was already allocated in the construction budget.

"The plan had been to use the work release program to move the court," Burcroff explained, "but with COVID, that program has been halted and we don't know when it will start again."

McCraight said that was exactly the situation and that initial bids to move the court furnishings and equipment were in the $39,000 range. He then negotiated an offer from Premier for the $15,964 amount, a savings of about half the anticipated fee. He added that the court staff and administration were very helpful in the situation and that he "appreciated the support."

Council members, including Tina Talley and Council President John Barden were vocal in their support of the savings and awarding of the contract.

Waiving of the bidding and contract approval were approved unanimously.

Equipment and furniture will be moved into the new 34th District Court building in Romulus.

Lost 1985 time capsule sought by class of 2020

When a group of Romulus Middle School students buried a time capsule back in 1995, they did a really good job.

So good, in fact, that as the same Romulus High School Class of 2000 class members get ready to celebrate their delayed 20th class reunion, they can't find it.

Romulus Councilwoman Kathy Abdo asked the members of the council during a recent meeting to use their personal resources to see if they might know of anyone who might remember where the time capsule was buried.

"They had to cancel the 20th reunion last year due to COVID," Abdo told the board members, "but are planning to have it July 31 this year."

She said the then 8th grade students have been seeking the location of the "buried treasure" for weeks, but they cannot remember where it is buried.

"If anyone has any recollection of where it might be, please let me know," he retired Romulus High School teacher said. "They would really like to open it during the reunion."

Abdo explained that this Class of 2000 was the group chronicled throughout their educational time with regular newspaper stories.

"The Free Press did an article about them every year," she reminded the council members and said that she and others have been contacting former teachers and others in an effort to find the junior high school project.

Abdo said anyone with information could contact her through the number listed on the Romulus city website (734) 955-4506, option 3 or email her at kabdo@romulusgov.com.

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP, MI
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
For
Grass & Trimming Services
BANOTAI PARK

PROPOSALS DUE: 2:00 pm, April 19th, 2021

Sumpter Township is requesting proposals to perform grass & trimming services at Banotai Park 24000 Sherwood Rd, Belleville, MI 48111.

Sealed Proposals shall be received by the Sumpter Township Clerk's office at 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 no later than 2:00 pm, Monday, April 19th, 2021.

Proposals shall be publicly opened and read on Monday, April 19th, 2021.at 2:30 pm.

Please call the Clerk's Office at (734) 461-6201 to obtain information/specifications.

Sumpter Township
Esther Hurst, Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Romulus
Public Accuracy Test

To the qualified electors of the City of Romulus, Wayne County, and State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used in Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,& 12 for the May 4, 2021 Special Election is scheduled for
Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Community Room (lower level) 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan Election Law. (MCL 168.798(1)

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING

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Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, 734-942-7540.

A copy of this notice is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 8, 2021
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174
THIS MEETING WAS HELD ELECTRONICALLY
VIA ZOOM MEETING TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden at 7:30 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Councilperson Wadsworth
Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: Celeste Roscoe
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Leroy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Kevin Krause - Director of Emergency & Fire Services; Stephen Dudek - Director of Technology Services

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #21-067** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on March 1, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #21-068** Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the minutes from the special meeting(s) held on March 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Honorary Street Sign Dedication Policy and at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
3. **Petitioner -** None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   - A. **Res. #21-069** Moved by **Tina Talley,** seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Oscar Hamilton. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
     Moved by **Tina Talley,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **Mayor's Report -** LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
   - A. **Res. #21-070** Moved by **Eva Webb,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with administration and grant authorization for Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Flexible Benefits Spending Plan Amendment. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #21-071** Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 20/21-15 to purchase an EMS rescue vehicle.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Fire				
Expense			$ 94,340.00	$ 94,340.00
205-966-999.661	Transfer Out-Motor Vehicle Fund	$-		
Fund Balance				
205-000-393-336	Fire Fleet Upgrade Assignment	$125,000.00	$(112,562)	$12,438.00
Motor Vehicle Fund				
Expense				
661-258-970.138	Motor Vehicle Capital Outlay	$112,562.00	$94, 340.00	$206,902.00
Revenue				
661-000-699-205	Transfer-in Fire	$-	$206,902.00	$206,902.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - A. **Res. #21-072** Moved by **Eva Webb,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the requests for a one (1) hour study session on April 5, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., a one (1) hour study session on April 12, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., and a public hearing request for May 3, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. for the purposes of the 2021/2022 proposed budgets. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment -** See Clerk's Office for complete copy of minutes
9. **Unfinished Business -** See Clerk's Office for complete copy of minutes
10. **New Business -** None
11. **Warrant**
    - A. **Res. #21-073** Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Tina** Talley to approve Warrant #: 21-5 Checks presented in the amount of $722,008.20. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays - Williams **Motion Carried**
12. **Communication -** See Clerk's Office for complete copy of minutes
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.
    Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams Nays - None
    Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 8, 2021.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Belleville - Plymouth

Rosie's Reply

Yankee Air Museum names restored B-25 bomber plane

The historic B-25 Bomber at Yankee Air Museum has officially been christened Rosie's Reply and the new name is now painted on the nose of the refurbished World War II fighter plane.

Officials from the museum said the new name is part of the continuing mission to inspire America through honoring the accomplishments of the women collectively known as Rosie the Riveter. The World War II B-25, formerly known as Yankee Warrior, was repainted in December courtesy of Kalitta Air to the exact color specifications it wore flying eight combat missions from Corsica in 1944.

"After the attack on Pearl Harbor, American men left industry in huge numbers to enter the military, creating a severe labor shortage," said Museum President Kevin Walsh. "To answer this aggression and arm the military, manufacturing in all sectors had to increase. A call for workers went out and women answered that call."

Walsh explained that the women of the Greatest Generation, entering what were formerly male dominated workplaces, made the deciding difference.

"Their 'we can do it' confidence became the rallying cry to which America responded," said Walsh. "Theirs was the strength needed to help produce enough equipment to defeat the enemy. Without them, there would not have been an Arsenal of Democracy."

Walsh added that the Rosie's Reply nose art, applied to an aircraft they built, pays homage to the women of the home front in World War II.

"It serves to remind us of their powerful response to the aggression of enemy forces and that no matter the circumstances or adversity, the reply was 'we can do it,'" said Walsh.

According to Walsh, the B-25 Rosie's Reply received period correct, custom-designed nose art by famed research artist Chad Hill. It features a female factory worker gripping a rivet gun and smiling in a way that conveys she has the moxie to handle anything coming her way.

Well-known aviation artist Hill created and executed the new design. He is a highly-accomplished artist with a 27 years of experience in recreating nose art. At Django Studios he specializes in automotive and aviation design and marketing branding.

"In this image we captured the plucky confidence with which those incredible women handled the monumental task of simultaneously raising kids, holding down the home front, overcoming adversity and, oh yes, helping save the world all at the same time," he said.

"It is an extremely accurate reproduction of this B-25D's livery in the 57th Bomb Wing, 340th Bomb Group, 489th Bomb Squadron," said Dan Desko, president of the B-25 History Project. "Yankee Air Museum has done a marvelous thing with its aircraft. In one fell swoop, this plane honors the 489th Bomb Squadron, the home front workers and Kansas City, where this plane was built. This is living history."

Yankee Air Museum collaborated with The B-25 History Project and the Fairfax Industrial Association in Kansas City to connect with Original Rosies who actually worked on these aircraft at the North American Aviation plant.

"As an active member of Yankee Air Museum, and president of the American Rosie the Riveter Association Michigan Chapter, I am very proud with the initiative in Rosie's Reply," said Bette Kenward. "The Greatest Generation is aging with the youngest being in the mid-90s. We must continue to show them honor and this does that in a momentous way."

Kenward explained that one of the reasons the yellow "We Can Do It!" Westinghouse poster remains so powerful seven decades later is because it still gives people courage to face any challenge today.

Yankee Air Museum is located at 47884 D Street, Belleville, on the grounds of historic Willow Run Airport. Visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org to discover more or call (734) 483-4030.

Plymouth District Library reopens 3rd floor to public

All three floors of the Plymouth District Library are now open for browsing, including the youth floor. The area was opened last week to coincide with the first day of National Library Week. The theme of the week-long celebration this year "Welcome to Your Library" celebrates both the ways in which libraries extend far beyond the walls of the building and that all are welcome to use their services.

"The Plymouth District Library is proud of the ways we continued to serve our community during the recent lockdown, and we are so happy to be welcoming back our youngest patrons to the unique pleasure of browsing," said Library Director Carol Souchock.

The library continues to monitor the COVID situation and adapt service offerings accordingly, she added. "At this time, the library remains in a grab and go status, and patrons are asked to limit their visit to one hour or less. Curbside pickup on the porch continues to be available for patrons who choose not to enter the library.

Health precautions suggested by state officials remain in effect at the library, she reminded visitors.

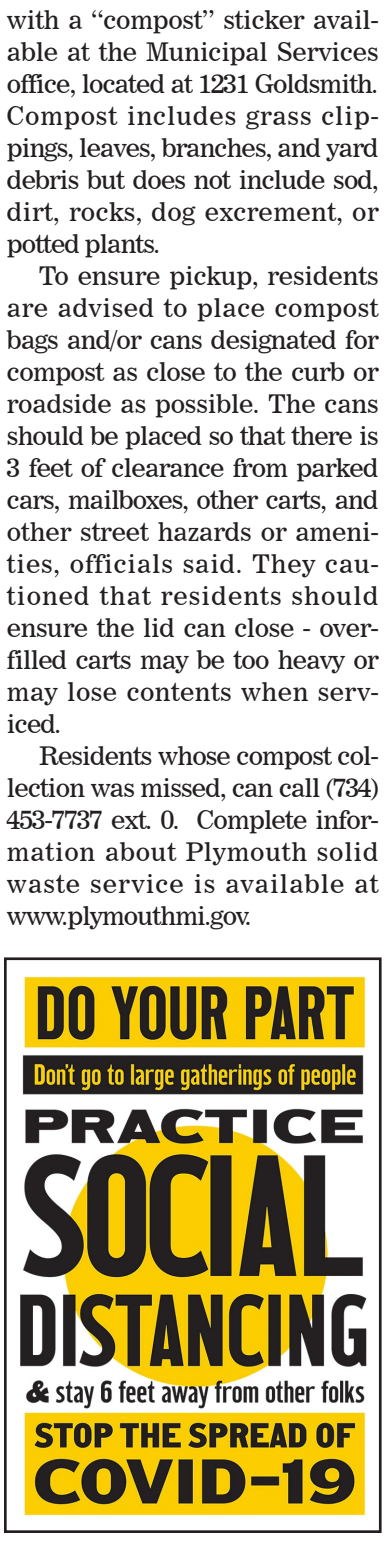
City compost pick-up is under way

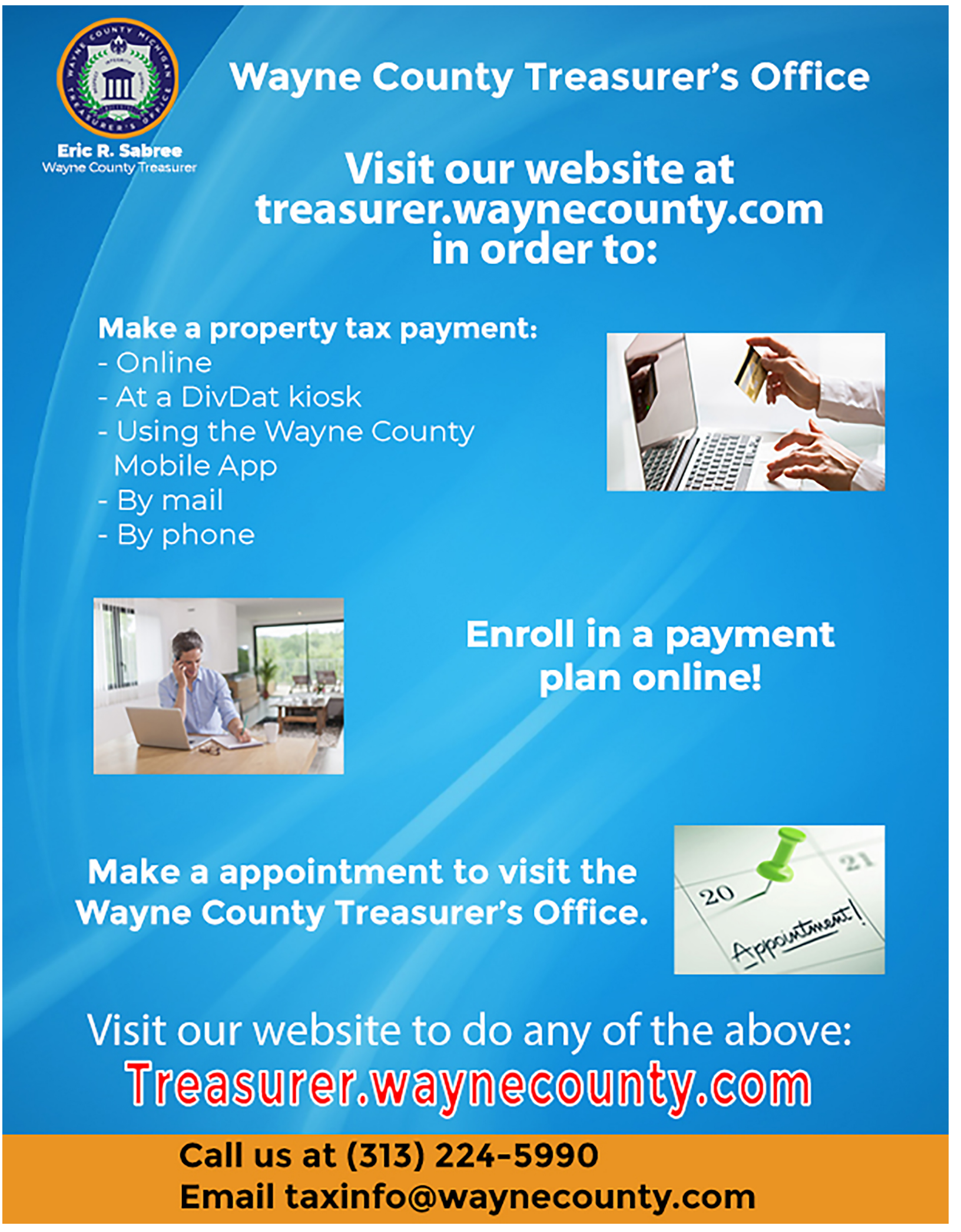
Compost/yard waste curbside pickup began April 5 in the City of Plymouth.

Compost must be placed in a brown Kraft lawn refuse bag or a can marked for compost, officials said. Compost can may be marked with an "X" or identified with a "compost" sticker available at the Municipal Services office, located at 1231 Goldsmith. Compost includes grass clippings, leaves, branches, and yard debris but does not include sod, dirt, rocks, dog excrement, or potted plants.

To ensure pickup, residents are advised to place compost bags and/or cans designated for compost as close to the curb or roadside as possible. The cans should be placed so that there is 3 feet of clearance from parked cars, mailboxes, other carts, and other street hazards or amenities, officials said. They cautioned that residents should ensure the lid can close - overfilled carts may be too heavy or may lose contents when serviced.

Residents whose compost collection was missed, can call (734) 453-7737 ext. 0. Complete information about Plymouth solid waste service is available at www.plymouthmi.gov.

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